



# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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Dear MR. JIM STEVENS

**Re: HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK, TOWN OF INUVIK AND GNWT - CONSTRUCTION OF THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES [02/10-05]**

On May 20, 2010 the EIRB (Board) met in Calgary to consider the referred development proposal titled: "HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK, TOWN OF INUVIK AND GNWT - CONSTRUCTION OF THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES [02/10-05]" and how to proceed with the review in a reasonable and expeditious manner.

Based on the information provided by the EISC in its referral letter and supporting documentation (e.g., the material posted to the EISC registry site for the screening), the Board has determined it requires additional information from the developer in order to reach a decision on how to proceed with its environmental impact review. The EIRB requests the developer provide the following additional information and/or clarifications about the development proposal:

1. Please provide a more detailed schedule for gaining the necessary environmental and regulatory approvals for the development to proceed. This information should include:
  - a. Summary details of the information that may be required for the environmental impact review that has not already been collected or provided in the Project Description, when this information will be available, and whether the additional field investigations identified in Table 6-1 for 2010 and 2011 would contribute in any way to the environmental impact review process.
  - b. Summary details of the information specifically required for each of the regulatory approvals necessary for the development to proceed (e.g., provide details of what information is being collected in the 2010 and 2011 field investigations that would contribute to final designs required for the regulatory process).
  - c. A revised schedule for completing the environmental and regulatory approvals process, given this identified need for additional field investigations.

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2. Please provide a clear statement of the implications and consequences of the environmental and regulatory approvals process taking longer than anticipated and identified in Table 6-1.
3. Please provide a clear statement of whether the information to be collected during the 2010 and 2011 field investigations identified in Table 6-1 would alter in any way the development design, alignment, construction techniques or any other components of the project required for the environmental impact review process.

The Board is aware that this development proposal also requires a comprehensive study level of assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA). The Board is currently working with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and regulatory authorities under CEAA to coordinate the required comprehensive study and environmental impact review in a reasonable and expeditious manner.

I am requesting that you reply to this letter prior to the week of June 14, 2010.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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